

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on January 18, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. James O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary  
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 219, 1/13/2017

**HEARING ON HB 219**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:19 Rep. Zach Brown (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 219, Revise net metering laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:05 Andrew Valainis, Montana Renewable North West Energy Association (MREA)  
00:09:02 Jeff Fox, Montana Renewable North West Energy Association (MREA)  
00:13:08 Adam Haight, (NPRC)  
00:13:58 Tucker Finley, Montana Public Interest Research Group  
00:14:33 Abigail Belcher, Associated Students of University of Montana (ASUM)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:15:44 David Hoffman, North Western Energy (NWE)  
00:20:02 Gary Forrester, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:22:23 Will Rosquist, Public Service Commission (PSC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:22:51 Chair Zolnikov  
00:23:19 Will Rosquist, PSC  
00:24:39 Chair Zolnikov  
00:24:59 Will Rosquist, PSC  
00:25:55 Rep. C. Knudsen  
00:26:22 Andrew Valainis, (MREA)

**EXHIBIT(feh13a01)**

00:28:57 Rep. C. Knudsen  
00:29:12 David Hoffman, NWE  
00:30:10 Rep. C. Knudsen  
00:30:20 David Hoffman, NWE  
00:30:55 Rep. O'Hara  
00:31:30 David Hoffman, NWE  
00:31:36 Rep. O'Hara  
00:31:43 David Hoffman, NWE  
00:31:56 Rep. McConnell  
00:32:19 Rep. Brown

**EXHIBIT(feh13a02)**

00:33:55 Rep. McConnell  
00:34:24 Andrew Valainis, MREA  
00:35:47 Vice Chair Hayman  
00:36:39 Will Rosquist, PSC  
00:39:54 Rep. Redfield  
00:40:25 Rep. Brown  
00:41:01 Rep. C. Knudsen  
00:41:10 Rep. Redfield

00:41:37 Chair Zolnikov  
 00:41:57 David Hoffman, NWE  
 00:42:10 Chair Zolnikov  
 00:43:02 David Hoffman, NWE  
 00:43:53 Chair Zolnikov  
 00:44:00 David Hoffman, NWE  
 00:44:27 Rep. Rosendale  
 00:44:55 Chair Zolnikov  
 00:45:22 David Hoffman, NWE  
 00:45:29 Chair Zolnikov  
 00:45:40 David Hoffman, NWE  
 00:45:47 Chair Zolnikov  
 00:46:20 David Hoffman, NWE  
 00:46:27 Rep. Rosendale  
 00:47:08 Will Rosquist, PSC  
 00:48:40 Vice Chair Hayman  
 00:49:17 Will Rosquist, PSC  
 00:50:52 Vice Chair Hayman  
 00:51:01 Will Rosquist, PSC  
 00:52:26 Rep. Olsen  
 00:53:48 David Hoffman, NWE  
 00:54:31 Rep. Olsen  
 00:54:57 David Hoffman, NWE  
 00:55:48 Rep. Morigeau  
 00:56:15 David Hoffman, NWE  
 00:56:19 Rep. Morigeau  
 00:56:25 David Hoffman, NWE  
 00:56:42 Chair Zolnikov  
 00:57:44 David Hoffman, NWE  
 00:58:54 Chair Zolnikov  
 00:59:44 David Hoffman, NWE

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:00:02 Rep. Brown  
 01:02:20 Chair Zolnikov

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:03:19

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Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([feh13aad.pdf](#))